

AGENDA



Thursday, August 7, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 34**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two 24-month requirements supply contracts for the purchase of 24" and 32" manhole cover casting sets for the Austin Water Utility with: TECHLINE PIPE LP, Austin, TX, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$213,352, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$133,345 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$480,042; and with ACT PIPE & SUPPLY, Pflugerville, TX, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$33,942, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$21,214 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$76,370.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$10,304 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining twenty-three months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer/974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Lowest two bids of five bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

These contracts will provide the Austin Water Utility with 24" and 32" manhole rings and covers. The items will be used to cover sewer mains in streets and creeks for initial installation or replacement of old or damaged units. Primary users will be TV Inspection Division and Line Maintenance crews. Some units are also used to prevent overflows during flooding and to keep debris out of sewer mains. Installation of the manhole rings and covers assists the City of Austin with compliance with environmental regulations.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE firm. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 48% increase to the last contract award in October 2005. The increase can be attributed to the rising cost for metal products and increase in fuel.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bids received per bid group. ACT Pipe and Supply is a current provider of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended awards.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.